

MEMORANDUM

October 6, 1977 - tabled
October 13, 1977 - resubmitted

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FROM: Robert F. Walsh, Director
SUBJECT: Zoning Map Amendment Application No. 190
Reduce Depth of Business District along Massachusetts Avenue
in the Back Bay

In connection with Text Amendment Application No. 62, described in a companion memorandum, the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay proposes to reduce the depth of a B-8-120 (general business with a floor area ratio of 8 and a height limit of 120 feet) district that lies along Massachusetts Avenue in the Back Bay from 100 feet from the side lines of Massachusetts Avenue to 50 feet. The excluded strip of land would be changed to H-5-70, as shown on the attached map.

The purpose is to retain and protect the residential character of properties facing on Beacon and Marlborough Streets and on Commonwealth Avenue but lying within 100 feet of Massachusetts Avenue. To date, properties facing on the residential streets have on the whole remained residential. It appears that only two nonconforming uses would be created.

I recommend approval.

VOTED: That in connection with Map Application No. 190, by the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, to reduce the depth of a B-8-120 district lying along Massachusetts Avenue as described in the petition, the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommends approval. The reduction would place residential properties facing Beacon Street, Marlborough Street, and Commonwealth Avenue in the abutting H-5-70 district and so preserve their residential character.

Map Amendment Application No. 190
Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay
Back Bay: Reduction of business district
on Massachusetts Avenue

TO THE ZONING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston The undersigned as owner(s) of the property at 337 Marlborough St. hereby petition(s) for a change in the boundary lines of the zoning districts of the City of Boston as established by Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, which would affect said property as follows:

By changing from a B-8-120 district to an H-5-70 district two parcels in the Back Bay district of the City of Boston described as follows:

Parcel 1 Bounded northerly by Beacon Street, easterly by a line parallel to and one hundred feet east of the easterly side line of Massachusetts Avenue, southerly by Public Alley No. 430, and westerly by a line parallel to and fifty feet east of said easterly side line of Massachusetts Avenue.

Parcel 2 Bounded northerly by Beacon Street, easterly by a line parallel to and fifty feet west of the westerly side line of Massachusetts Avenue, southerly by the southerly side line of Commonwealth Avenue and westerly by a line parallel to and one hundred feet west of said westerly side line of Massachusetts Avenue.

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Date: 10/7/77

From Section 5-4 of Boston Zoning Code as authorized by Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956 and as amended May 27, 1970
The estimated average cost to the City of a hearing on a proposed amendment of this code is hereby established as one hundred dollars".

